

Strike section 106 and insert the following:

1 SECTION 106. SETTLEMENT AUTHORITY.

- 2 (a) Purpose.—The purpose of the amendment made
- 3 by subsection (b) is to authorize the settlement of claims
- 4 under the Black Lung Benefits Act.
- 5 (b) AMENDMENT.—Section 422(a) of the Black Lung
- 6 Benefits Act (30 U.S.C. 932(a)) is amended by striking
- 7 "4, 8, 9" and inserting "4, 8 (except for subsection (i)),
- 8 9".
- 9 (c) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
- 10 subsection (b) shall apply with respect to claims filed on
- 11 or after the date of enactment of this section.

